

There is a system of irrigation under way three miles southeast of Columbus that will irrigate more than 10,000 acres of land

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Six Hundred Forty Acre Homestead

The following is taken from the Keena Record, in regard to the 640 acre homestead bill. We are not sure whether this bill, in case it becomes a law, will apply to this section or not. If the bill passes the senate and becomes a law, John L. Burnside, Register at Las Cruces, says before its publication will be given.

"The bill, as passed by the House is the identical bill introduced by Hon. H. B. Ferguson in the Spring of 1914, remodeled in the committee room and resubmitted by Mr. Ferguson, (H. R. 15799), having the unanimous endorsement of the Public Lands Committee.

The bill contains 12 sections, and is a matter of detail, and in view of its length, we will not publish in full at this time, as in all probability the Senate will make some few changes. However, we give below a synopsis of the bill which will give you a clear conception of its contents.

The bill authorizes any person qualified to make entry under the homestead laws of the United States to make a stock raising homestead entry for not exceeding 640 acres of land that shall therefore have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior as "stock raising lands."

Section 2 of the bill authorizes the Secretary to designate or classify lands subject to entry under the bill, which limits the entry to the surface and provides that the land must be chiefly valuable for grazing and raising range crops, not containing merchantable timber and not susceptible of irrigation, and that 640 acres are reasonably required for the support of a family.

Section 3 prescribes that the lands entered must be in reasonably compact form and that title may be secured by compliance with the terms of the homestead laws, except that instead of cultivation the entryman shall be required to make permanent improvements upon the land before final proof is submitted, tending to increase the value of the same for stock raising purposes, of the value of not less than \$1.25 per acre, and that at least one-half of such improvements shall be placed upon the land within three years after the date of entry.

Section 4 provides that an entryman who has an existing entry of 320 acres or less shall have the right to file upon contiguous lands designated for entry under the provisions of this act to the extent of an area equaling 640 acres, including his original entry.

Section 5 provides that where who has submitted final proof or received patent for lands of the character subject to entry under the terms of this bill, who owns and resides upon the land so acquired, may make additional entry for contiguous lands which, together with the area theretofore acquired, shall not exceed 640 acres, on proof of the expenditure required by this act on account of permanent improvements upon the additional entry.

Section 6 provides that where there are not contiguous lands in area sufficient to complete an entry of 640 acres the entryman or patentee shall have the right to enter, within a radius of 10

miles from his entry, lands in reasonably compact form designated for entry under the provisions of this bill that shall, together with the first entry, not exceed 640 acres. All contiguous lands must be entered first.

Section 7 authorizes a person who has made an entry or submitted proof to relinquish or convey to the United States his land and make an entry in the same land district of 640 acres under the terms of this bill.

Section 8 provides that the commutation provisions of the homestead laws shall not apply to entries made under this act.

Section 9 gives entryman or patentee entitled to an additional entry a 30 days' preference right to make an additional entry and also provides for back it shall be determined who is entitled to a tract where there are two claimants.

Section 10 provides that any person who has acquired title under the homestead laws and who is the owner and occupant of the land so acquired may purchase not exceeding 625 acres of stock raising land at \$1.25 per acre.

Section 11 reserves the mineral rights entered and patented under the terms of this act and provides how the mineral deposits may be disposed of.

Section 12 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make rules and regulations for carrying the terms of the law into effect.

Spirituality vs. Materialism

I have often wondered if the words material and super-natural have been understood and I am inclined to think that this is a matter in which there is a great need for enlightenment. Let me try to explain what is generally meant by the terms spiritual and material when applied to persons holding different conceptions of the universe. The materialist believes in the natural order of things and only the natural order, whereas the spiritualist believes in the natural order but sustains and governs by the supernatural or spiritual order. In other words the spiritualist believes in God and the materialist does not. The materialist says there is no supernatural world, matter exists, containing so much material substance and animated by a certain number of living creatures, everyone of them composed of material bodies, around us on every side are worlds more or less like our own scattered through boundless space. We are able by means of powerful telescopes, spectrometers and other devices of science to learn what these worlds are made of and we find they are much the same as ours. They obey the same laws, they evidently have the same kind of origin and follow the same line of development and probably will ultimately reach the same destination. Indeed, development and dissolution are continually in process, there is neither beginning nor ending, new worlds are continually being born out of the ether that fills all space, and so the eternal round goes on without aim or object or cessation. It is the same with individual organisms, from the highest to the lowest. We begin to live from the moment we are born. If we escape destruction in one way it will overtake us in another; our functions decay with advancing years until at length the

forces of disintegration prevail over those of the will to live and we perish as individuals, but at least has happened is that the earth has reclaimed its own and is working up our substance into new forms. The mightiest monarch that has ever lived, the wisest sage, the most inspired poet, saint or seer has nothing more than the most common of lowly: "Imperious Caesar dead and turned to clay, May stop a hole to keep the wind away." Such then is the natural order. It is the physical, the material, that which we can hear and see and it is by the very nature changeable, perishable, full of pain and affliction, and it is the order in which the materialist believes, and only this order. Next week I propose to ask a few questions for this gloomy, pessimistic doctrine to answer.

—C. R. HUGHES

The electric light plant has been installed by the Crystal Theatre Company and the lights for the show are being furnished by electricity. The plant is of sufficient size to light the city of Columbus, though the company has not yet decided whether they will furnish lights except for their own use. The plant is working first rate and the pictures are showing up as good as anyone could wish.

Sheriff D. L. Stevens and Deputy John Kelly came down from Deming Monday and returned Thursday. They were here making investigations in regard to the theft of the rifles and ammunition which was stolen from Silver City a few days ago.

"Public Enemies"

If you build a line of railway over hills and barren lands,

Giving lucrative employment to about a million hands;

If you cause a score of cities by your right-of-way to rise,

Where there formerly was nothing but some rattlesnakes and flies,

If when bringing kale to others you acquire a little kale,

Then you've surely robbed the peepul and you ought to be in jail.

If by planting and by toiling you have won some wealth and fame,

It will make no odds how squarely you have played your little game;

Your success is proof sufficient that you are a public foe—

You're a soulless malefactor; to the dump you ought to go.

It's a crime for you to prosper where so many others fail;

You have surely robbed the peepul and you ought to be in jail.

Be a chronic politician, deal in super-heated air;

Roast the bank and money barons, there is always safety there;

But to sound the note of business is a crime so mean and base,

That a fellow guilty of it ought to go and hide his face.

Change the builders' song triumphant for the politicians' wail,

Or we'll think you've robbed the peepul and we'll pack you off to jail.

—Selected.

A Good Boxing Contest

The people of this country had an opportunity on Thursday evening of witnessing a real fight between two men in the ring. The fight was between Red Jones, a former champion, and a good hard hitter, and a young man named Red. The fight was a good one, and the people were very much interested. The fight was a real one, and the people were very much interested. The fight was a real one, and the people were very much interested.

Soldier Vernon landed a terrific blow on the chin of the other man, and the other man was knocked out. The fight was a real one, and the people were very much interested. The fight was a real one, and the people were very much interested.

Death of Mrs. Sullivan

On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 occurred the death of Mrs. Jane Sullivan, who for the past few months has been working with Mrs. Adair at the Luna Hotel. Her death was caused by pneumonia, she having contracted a cold a week or two before which continued to be quite worse and she was soon confined to her bed. It is to be regretted that her brothers and sisters could not be with her the last few hours of her life on this earth.

The deceased was a native of Kentucky and is survived by two brothers and two sisters. She was 67 years old.

Funeral services were held at the Hotel at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Boddington officiating. A goodly number of the residents of Columbus were present.

Interment was held at the Cemetery west of town.

Shower For Miss Waterbury

Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. L. A. Rogers, a miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss Waterbury. The room was decorated in red and white, there being a profusion of red hearts. Miss Josephine Rogers played the part of cupid, bringing in the basket of gifts, which were many and beautiful, while Mrs. Rogers played a wedding march. The basket was decorated with hearts and red hearts.

A delicious two course luncheon was served. Seventeen guests were present.

Captures Rifles and Ammunition

Some time ago the army at Silver City was robbed of rifles and ammunition. On the night of Jan. 31st the local officers captured a party of robbers. Investigation showed that the rifles and ammunition were the same that were stolen from Silver City. The robbers left the wagon in which the goods were being hauled, when the officers ran on to them. It is not known who the parties were. The consignment was supposed to be en route to Salazar's army in Mexico and men who were taking it were thought to be Mexicans, but it is not known to be a fact.

On the same night Thomas R. Montenegro's rifle and Valentine Pines's horse were stolen. Constable T. A. Hudson found them the following morning west of Minibus Station, hidden in a wagon. The wagon was loaded with some provisions, harnesses, nails, saddles and clothing. There was an one with the wagon. It seems that this stuff was also being taken to Salazar's army.

Good Literary Planned

At a meeting of the committee, last night at the home of Mrs. Evans, to arrange a program for the Library for Thursday night, Feb. 11th, at the school house a program was arranged in part as follows:

Mrs. Blair, A. G. Beck and Prof. Windsor will each give a selected reading. Mrs. A. G. Beck and Rev. Boddington will give recitations. For the songs, Mrs. Boddington, Mrs. Rogers, J. W. Blair and Mr. Evans will favor us. Others to take part in the program will be selected and notified in ample time.

The question submitted for debate was "Resolved: That education of the individual is better than legislation for the individual." Aff—Prof. Windsor, A. G. Hallinger and J. W. Blair. Neg—Rev. Boddington, A. J. Evans and Lee Thomas.

Church Notes

Services will be held next Sunday at the Methodist Church as follows:

Morning service at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Land will occupy the pulpit. In the evening the order of service will be: Epworth League at 6:45; Miss Mary Field Page will have charge of the meeting. Preaching at 7:30. Dr. S. Alonzo Bright will occupy the pulpit. This will be followed by the Lords Supper and Second Quarterly Conference. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend all these services.

Next Tuesday evening the Epworth League will hold its regular monthly business meeting and social. The Anglo S. S. Class will also hold their business meeting this same evening. Members of both Classes are urged to be present. Everyone is welcome. Come!

The W. O. T. U. will meet next Tuesday at 5:00 p. m. in the Church. That will be a dues paying meeting. Mrs. Evans will be in charge of the program.

Plenty of Water

The well which Louis M. Carl has just completed south of town is thought to be the best in the Valley. It has been drilled to a depth of about three hundred feet and the water rises within six feet of the surface. It is in the neighborhood of the Pearce and Hallock wells which have a capacity of from 1800 to 2000 gallons per minute, and from all indications is a better well than either of these. Several other wells will be drilled, soon as the work can be done, within a short distance of the Carl well, and water will be supplied for the irrigation of several thousand acres. The well rig owned by R. W. Elliott is busy now drilling another hole, same to be used in this system of irrigation.

My J. W. Halliday, from the Gap Country a man now over 71 years old, tells a story about rabbits that would almost seem incredible if it were not known to be true. He has a record of killing 40 rabbits out of 50 shots with a shotgun, most of them being on the run. Many of his younger fellows would do as well. Mr. Halliday has shipped 25 down rabbits since Jan. 25.

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The Whist Club met at the home of Mrs. Lingo last Friday. Seventeen were present and a good time enjoyed.

Mr. A. G. Beck has taken a position with R. W. Elliott on the well rig.